Reionization and the CMB

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CMB Polarization "Reionization Bump"



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Reduces uncertainty in CMB constraints on amplitude of primordial fluctuations



kSZ from Patchy Reionization

Alvarez (2016)



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Learning About Reionization with a τ Measurement

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Beyond τ with the Reionization Bump

Beyond au with the Reionization Bump

Ahn et al. (2012)

Beyond τ with the Reionization Bump

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Heinrich & Hu (2018)

TABLE I. Total and high redshift optical depth constraints for different analyses of Planck 2015 data.

Beyond τ with the Reionization Bump

Miranda, Lidz, Heinrich & Hu (2017)

Summary

Reionization bump is an essential probe of reionization and is highly complementary to kSZ, screening, and, 21-cm

Cosmic variance limited measurement could reveal early ionization at z > 15even with $\tau \sim 0.08$ and reionization ending at $z \sim 6$

> PICO could possibly detect Patchy reionization at $\ell \sim 100$ and probe its characteristic scales

B-modes from quadrupolar scattering of τ -fluctuations induced by reionization may contaminate the primordial signal with a bias at the level of r ~ 10⁻³

Joint Simulation and Modeling of the reionization bump, patchy screening, and 21-cm can mitigate the effect of patchy scattering as a foreground